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TAGS OVIP (FORD, GERALD), ENGR

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S VISIT: DISCUSSION OF NATURAL GAS

REF: JAKARTA 13574

1. RAY TODD, PRESIDENT, PACIFIC LIGHTING CORP., TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR FROM LOS ANGELES NOVEMBER 20 TO EXPRESS HOPE PRESIDENT FORD, DURING VISIT TO INDONESIA, WOULD COMMENT FAVORABLY TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO ON PACIFIC LIGHTING PROPOSAL FOR LNG IMPORTS FROM INDONESIA.

2. TODD EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DORNHEIM IN DEPARTMENT WHO HAD INFORMED HIM DEPARTMENT NOT RECOMMENDING PRESIDENT RAISE LNG DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT TO JAKARTA. TODD SAID HE BELIEVED EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY PRESIDENT FORD WOULD GIVE INDONESIANS CONFIDENCE THAT U.S. IS SERIOUS ABOUT LNG IMPORTS.

3. AMBASSADOR REPLIED TO TODD THAT PRESIDENT'S ADVISORS PROBABLY RELUCTANT TO SUGGEST ANY INITIATIVE ON LNG QUESTION SINCE PACIFIC LIGHTING PROJECT CURRENTLY BEFORE FPC AND GENERAL POLICY TOWARD LNG IMPORTS NOT FIRMLY ESTABLISHED. TODD SAID HE HAD IN MIND SUGGESTING
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ONLY THAT PRESIDENT DISPLAY FAMILIARITY WITH PROJECT

AND EXPRESS HOPE THAT IT WILL BE FINALLY CONSUMATED.
TODD SAID HE UNDERSTOOD FROM FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATOR
ZARB THAT THERE WAS NO OVERALL POLICY AGAINST LNG IMPORTS;
EACH PROJECT WAS TO BE CONSIDERED ON ITS MERITS.

4. AMBASSADOR TOLD TODD HE WOULD REPORT HIS CALL TO
WASHINGTON BUT THAT MAXIMUM THAT COULD APPROPRIATELY
BE SUGGESTED TO PRESIDENT WAS GENERAL COMMENT DURING
MEETING WITH SUHARTO THAT HE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED
AND EXPANDING COOPERATION IN ENERGY FIELD BETWEEN U.S.
AND INDONESIA WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY SPECIFIC PROJECT.
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